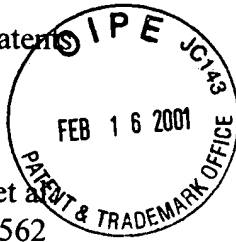


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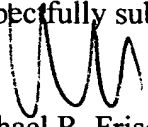
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant submits herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, listed on form PTO-1449, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose. Legible copies of all items listed on form PTO-1449 accompany this information disclosure statement.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

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Robert D. Bauer  
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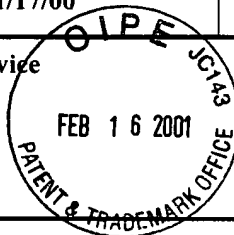
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